

**Senate File 416 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 416  
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1031)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to authorization procedures for certain county  
2 projects involving real property.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 331.301, subsection 10, paragraph e,  
2 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (a), Code 2013, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The board must follow substantially the authorization  
5 procedures of section 331.443 to authorize a lease or  
6 lease-purchase contract for personal property which is payable  
7 from the general fund. The board must follow substantially  
8 the authorization procedures of section 331.443 to authorize  
9 a lease or lease-purchase contract for real property which is  
10 payable from the general fund if the principal amount of the  
11 lease-purchase contract does not exceed the following limits:

12 (i) ~~Four~~ Six hundred thousand dollars in a county having a  
13 population of twenty-five thousand or less.

14 (ii) ~~Five~~ Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars in a county  
15 having a population of more than twenty-five thousand but not  
16 more than fifty thousand.

17 (iii) ~~Six~~ Nine hundred thousand dollars in a county having  
18 a population of more than fifty thousand but not more than one  
19 hundred thousand.

20 (iv) ~~Eight~~ One million two hundred thousand dollars in a  
21 county having a population of more than one hundred thousand  
22 but not more than two hundred thousand.

23 (v) One million five hundred thousand dollars in a county  
24 having a population of more than two hundred thousand.

25 Sec. 2. Section 331.441, subsection 2, paragraph b,  
26 subparagraph (5), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2013, is amended  
27 to read as follows:

28 Public buildings, including the site or grounds of, and the  
29 erection, equipment, remodeling, or reconstruction of, and  
30 additions or extensions to the buildings, and including the  
31 provision and maintenance of juvenile detention or shelter care  
32 facilities, when the ~~cost~~ principal amount of the bonds does  
33 not exceed the following limits:

34 Sec. 3. Section 331.441, subsection 2, paragraph c,  
35 subparagraph (9), Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

1 (9) Public buildings, including the site or grounds of,  
 2 the erection, equipment, remodeling, or reconstruction of, and  
 3 additions or extensions to the buildings, and including the  
 4 provision and maintenance of juvenile detention or shelter care  
 5 facilities, when the ~~cost~~ principal amount of the bonds exceeds  
 6 the limits stated in subsection 2, paragraph "b", subparagraph  
 7 (5).

8 EXPLANATION

9 This bill relates to the authorization procedures for county  
 10 projects involving real property by raising certain limitation  
 11 amounts.

12 The bill increases the threshold amounts that determine  
 13 whether a project can be undertaken using the procedures for  
 14 essential county purpose bonds when the project involves  
 15 a lease contract or a lease-purchase contract. The bill  
 16 increases the threshold amounts in the following manner: For  
 17 counties with a population of 25,000 or less, the threshold  
 18 amount is increased from \$400,000 to \$600,000; for counties  
 19 with a population of more than 25,000 but not more than 50,000,  
 20 the threshold amount is increased from \$500,000 to \$750,000;  
 21 for counties with a population of more than 50,000 but not  
 22 more than 100,000, the threshold amount is increased from  
 23 \$600,000 to \$900,000; for counties with a population of more  
 24 than 100,000 but not more than 200,000, the threshold amount  
 25 is increased from \$800,000 to \$1.2 million; and for counties  
 26 with a population of more than 200,000, the threshold amount is  
 27 increased from \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

28 The bill modifies the definition of "essential county  
 29 purpose" to specify that public building projects meet the  
 30 definition of "essential county purpose" if the principal  
 31 amount of the bonds does not exceed certain threshold amounts  
 32 based upon the population of the county. Current law specifies  
 33 that a public building project meets the definition of an  
 34 "essential county purpose" if the costs of the project do not  
 35 exceed certain threshold amounts based upon the population of

1 the county.

2     The bill modifies the definition of "general county purpose"  
3 to specify that public building projects meet the definition of  
4 "general county purpose" if the principal amount of the bonds  
5 exceeds certain threshold amounts based upon the population  
6 of the county. Current law specifies that a public building  
7 project meets the definition of "general county purpose" if the  
8 costs of the project exceed certain threshold amounts based  
9 upon the population of the county.

10     Generally, an essential county purpose bond issuance does  
11 not require approval of the voters and a general county purpose  
12 bond issuance requires approval of the voters.